CADventures
Information for users of AutoCAD

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News to KNOW

New Pager Numbers

My new pager number is 1-877-709-1665. The 510-4302 number is no longer being used.

R2000 Express Tools Fixed

Since we've converted to AutoCAD R2000, you may have noticed some of the Express Tools commands not working. They've been fixed. However, if you have any problems, call me.

NPS AutoCAD Tools Fixed

Many of you were disappointed to find the DDSC command broken in R2000. It works now! In addition, several other broken commands are healthy again. If you find any commands that don't work, please let me know.

Archiving

We're critically low on free space on the NPS/DSC P: drive, and archiving is being performed for one of two reasons:

1. Archiving needs to be completed at the end of each project phase. This archiving is a required procedure, for a complete and accurate record of drawings.

2. Projects that have been put on hold or have been inactive for long periods of time (usually 6 to 12 months) are now being archived to create space for working documents.

Check our Intranet web site (http://165.83.20.6//DSC/CADD/HELP/archiving.htm) to find out what's been archived.
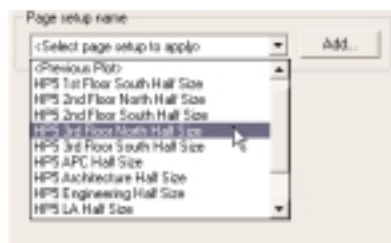
Please remember to have projects archived when they are complete, so we can then free up needed space on the server for working drawings. Contact Bruce Littlehorn when a project is ready for archiving.

Things to TRY

Page Setup Wizard

In response to a lot of calls regarding page setup and printing, I'm working on a "Page Setup Wizard" command - you pick the printer, the rest is taken care of automatically.

Though the Wizard is not yet ready, right now you can use the **NPSPSETUPIN** command (just type it in at the AutoCAD command prompt), to import page setup's for each printer. Then, in the Layout (Paperspace), click **File > Page Setup** from the pull-down menu, and choose a page setup name - as shown in this screen capture - in the upper-right corner of the Page Setup dialog.

Forgotten Commands

Have you ever used the MULTIPLE command in AutoCAD? MULTIPLE repeats a command you enter until you press ESC. For example, suppose you need to repeatedly use the MOVE command. Sure, you could press Enter or right-click after each use of move, which would repeat the move command, but here's how to use MULTIPLE:

> Command: **MULTIPLE**
> Enter command name to repeat: **MOVE** <or other command you want to repeat>
> Select objects: <proceed with the move command as usual>

As you finish your first move, you'll notice the command repeats. It's very useful if you're using a command repeatedly. Try MULTIPLE with commands like BREAK, CIRCLE, COPY, EXTEND, FILLET, LINE, QLEADER etc.

Remember that MULTIPLE only repeats the command name, therefore some parameters must be specified each time. MULTIPLE does not repeat commands that display dialog boxes.

Places to GO

NPS AutoCAD Tools for Standalone PC's

A standalone version of the NPS AutoCAD Tools is available for download. This is for use away from the NPS network: on a laptop, at a Park office, or for A/E's working on NPS projects. Point your internet browser to:

ftp://ftp.nps.gov/DSC/CADD/Acad_Customization/

There you'll find versions for R13/14 and R2000 AutoCAD. Download the appropriate .exe file, and follow the instructions in the Readme.txt file. (Again, this is NOT for use here in the Lakewood office.)

AutoCAD 2000 Upgrade Training Guide

Extra training guides are available if you missed the training. They're in my office (room 118, APC). To follow the exercises in the book, copy the tutorial files from S:\ACAD2000\Exercises to your computer. ☙